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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/019232, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in Japanese and English) have been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have already been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-034515, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-233517, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and
- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-116935, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0069205 to MORITA et al., which was published on June 6, 2002.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the international claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further submit the following documents.

- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-249693, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member International Patent Application Publication No. WO 00/74054. Applicants note that the Japanese document is cited on page 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application;
- (5) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0195672 to INOUE et al, which was published on August 31, 2006;
- (6) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0050622 to SO et al, which was published on March 9, 2006;
- (7) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0231765 to SO et al, which was published on October 20, 2005;

- (8) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0216684 to SO et al, which was published on September 29, 2005;
- (9) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/577,418 to MAEDA et al, which was filed on April 27, 2006;
- (10) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/578,373 to SO et al., which was filed on May 5, 2006;
- (11) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/578,372 to MAEDA et al., which was filed on May 5, 2006; and
- (12) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/596,155 to SO et al., which was filed on June 1, 2006.

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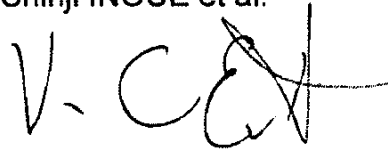
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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